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SUBJECT: HUNGARIAN BONDS FROM FRG

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1. WESTDEUTSCHE LANDESBANK GIROZENTRALE OF DUSSELDORF ALONG WITH
A CONSORTIUM OF OTHER WESTERN EUROPEAN BANKS HAS FLOATED A 100 MILLION

DEUTSCHE MARK BOND FOR THE HUNGARIAN NATIONAL BANK (HNB). BONDS
ARE FOR SIX YEARS AND BEAR 8.25 PERCENT INTEREST. BUDAPEST SOURCES
STATE THIS FIRST TIME SOCIALIST BANK HAS FLOATED BOND ISSUE IN
DEUTSCHE MARKS; AND THEY CLAIM ISSUE ALREADY OVERSUBSCRIBED. FUNDS
WILL REPORTEDLY BE USED TO FINANCE "STRUCTURAL TRANSFORMATION" OF
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ECONOMY.

2. ON EXCELLENT AUTHORITY EMBASSY HAS ALSO LEARNED THAT JANOS FEKETE, VICE PRESIDENT HNB, THOROUGHLY PLEASED WITH HIS GERMAN COUP. SINCE RATE FAR BETTER THAN 10-1/2 PERCENT CHARGED HUNGARY BY KUWAITIS IN THEIR 8-YEAR, \$40 MILLION DECEMBER 1974 LOAN (REFTEL), FEKETE ALREADY NEGOTIATING ACTIVELY W YH OTHER FRG COMMERCIAL BANKS TO FLOAT ONE OR MORE ADDITIONAL DM LOANS OF COMPARABLE SIZE.

3. COMMENT: HUNGARY'S URGENT NEED FOR FOREIGN EXCHANGE CREDITS CONTINUES. IF THE PROVISIONS OF THE JOHNSON ACT WERE EVER LIFTED, ONE COULD EXPECT COMRADE FEKETE TO VISIT MANHATTAN VERY SHORTLY THEREAFTER.
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